2̶ 57. (ONCE AMENDED) An object-oriented programming supporting apparatus, comprising:

a component file [for storing therein a] to store components, each component serving [which serves] as one object in combination with [a predetermined] corresponding

5   existing software, [said component] and including a method of issuing an event of the [predetermined] corresponding existing software through [a] firing [by] in response to a message issued [in other] by another object, and a message for informing other [object of] objects that the event [is] has issued through executing [said] the method[, and said component being stored in said component file with respect to one or more existing softwares];

10   a handler [for inputting] to input an instruction [of an] to issue [of] the event [as to] of the corresponding existing software;

an event log file [for storing] to store a list [for] of the events [as to one or more] of the existing [softwares] software, [which are] to be sequentially issued in accordance with an operation of said handler; and

15   a component [coupling means for taking] coupler to take out sequentially the events from said event log file, to combine [a] the message of a first component [including] issuing the message for informing the other [object of] objects that the [same] event [as that taken out before] is issued and [a] the method of a second component [including the method of] for issuing the [same] event [as that taken out now].

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted to improve the form of the specification as originally filed. No new matter is presented herein.

It is respectfully requested that this Preliminary Amendment be entered in the above-referenced application.

If any further fees are required in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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